

How to obtain a grant

Farmers who are eligible for assistance may make an application at their local county or district office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

1. Application forms are available from any OMAF county or district office.
2. The application form is in two parts:
 - a) "Notice of Intent"
 - b) "Application for Grant"
3. a) Before improvement work is started, file a Notice of Intent form with the local OMAF office.
b) Once the total value of work as indicated in the Notice of Intent forms reaches the total value of the funds available in the program, no further projects will be approved.
- c) After the work has been completed, submit to the local OMAF office two copies of the Application for Grant form along with itemized original invoices that indicate quantities, descriptions and individual prices of items and/or services purchased. (Copies of invoices will not be accepted).
- d) i) In cases where labour is hired directly, invoices for wages must include, for each employee, the name, hours worked and wages; and the wages must be signed as received by the employee.
ii) When contractors are hired, their invoices must break out material and labour costs.
- e) Retain one copy of application for your records.
- f) Following submission of the application, the work will be inspected by an OMAF official.
- g) Application for Grant forms must be submitted to the local OMAF office by December 31, 1982. If mailed, the completed application form must be date-stamped no later than midnight, December 31, 1982 to be eligible for consideration.

How applications are processed

1. The local OMAF staff will receive two copies of the application. They will review the application and supporting documents. Ineligible invoices will be returned to the applicant for appropriate action.
2. Eligible invoices WILL NOT BE RETURNED.
3. Additional information is available through your county or district OMAF office.

Offices

County and District Offices of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food

County or District	Address
Algoma	1496 Wellington St. E., Sault Ste. Marie N6A 2R1
Bruce	200 Greenleaf St., Brantford N3S 2X7
Carleton	Box 1330, Walkerton N0G 2V0
Cochrane North	26 Thurlcliffe Pl., Ottawa K2H 6L2
Cochrane South	Experimental Farm, Kapuskasing P5N 2X9
Dufferin	Box 600, Marathon P0K 1N0
Dundas	Mono Plaza, RR #4, Orangeville L9W 2Z5
Durham	Box 488, Winchester K0C 2K0
Elgin	234 King St. E., Bowmanville L1C 1P3
Essex	594 Talbot St., St. Thomas N3P 1C7
Frontenac	46 Fox St., Essex N8M 2Z2
Glenary	Box 651, 105 Princess St., Kingston K7L 1H3
Grenville	Box 579, Alexandria K0C 1A0
Grey	Box 2001, Kempenville K0G 1J0
Haldimand	181 Toronto St. S., Markdale N0C 1H0
Hastings	Box 129, Cayuga N0A 1E0
Hastings	17 Wilson Dr., Midland K0M 1N7
Kent	Box 340, Port Hope K0K 3T7
Lambton	Box 389, Clinton N0M 1L0
Lennox and Addington	Ontario Government Bldg., Box 3000, Dryden PBN 3B3
Middlesex	Box 726, 335 Grand Ave. W., Chatham N7M 5L1
Muskoka	Box 730, Petrolia N0N 1R0
Parry Sound	10 Sunset Blvd., Perth K7H 2Y2
Niagara North	Box 635, Brudenell K6V 5V8
Niagara South	41 Dundas St. W., Napanee K7R 1Z5
Nipissing	Box 328, Galt Bay P0P 1H0
Norfolk	367 Ridout St. N., London N6A 2P2
Northumberland	Box 130, Huntsville P0A 1K0
Ontario	Vineland Station L0R 2E0
Oxford	574 South Pelham St., Welland L3C 3C6
Pelletier	222 McIntyre St. W., North Bay P1B 2Y8
Peterborough	Box 387, Simcoe N3Y 1N5
Preston	Box 829, Brighton K0H 1H0
Prince Edward	Box 309, Uxbridge L0C 1K0
Rainy River	Box 668, Woodstock N4S 7Z5
Renfrew	3 Elmhurst St., Renfrew K7V 1P7
Russell	41 Hibernia St., Stratford N1A 3W2
Simcoe North	55 George St. N., Peterborough K9J 3G2
Simcoe South	Box 110, Plantagenet K0B 1L0
Stormont	Box 470, Picton K0K 2T0
Sudbury	Front St., Emo P0W 1E0
Temiskaming	315 Raglan St. S., Renfrew K7V 1R6
Thunder Bay	666 Rue Notre Dame, Box 540, Embro K0A 1W0
Victoria	Box 340, Elmvale L0L 1P0
Waterloo	Box 370, Alliston L0M 1A0
Wellington	Box 655, 109-11th St. W., Cornwall K6H 5T3
Wentworth	1414 LaSalle Blvd., Sudbury P3A 1Z0
York	Box "G", New Liskeard P0J 1P0
	Ontario Government Bldg., 435 James St. S., Thunder Bay P7E 6E3
	322 Kent St. W., Lindsay K9V 2Z9
	279 Weber St. N., Peterborough N2J 5H8
	Box 159, Fergus N1M 2W0
	R.R.#1, Ainslie SKR 5K9
	Newmarket Plaza, Newmarket L3Y 2N1

This OMAF project is part of the \$171 million job creation program announced by Treasurer Frank Miller in his May 13th budget. The Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD) is responsible for co-ordinating the rapid implementation of this activity.

THE ONTARIO FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ontario will pay up to \$2,000 per farming operation for farmstead improvements made this year.

You may be eligible for assistance with:

- new and replacement fencing
- painting and restoring outbuildings
- removal of derelict buildings



Purpose

The Ontario Farmstead Improvement Program is intended to encourage improvements in fencing and farm structures and generate local employment across the province.

Term of program

Beginning: May 13, 1982. Ending: December 31, 1982

Amount of assistance

The province will pay, in the form of a grant, 50% of the amount of the eligible improvement costs to a maximum of \$2,000 per farm operation.

However, grants will be paid only if there is a labour cost in the project.

Eligible improvement costs include:

1. wages paid to non-family labour or a contractor's labour costs (does not include wages paid to full-time farm employees),
2. costs for materials and services *but only up to an amount equal to the wages paid or a contractor's labour costs.*

The funds for the program are made available through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Who may apply

Farmers whose value of farm production is at least \$12,000, OR who own and farm a minimum of 40 hectares (100 acres) are eligible for the program.

A partnership or corporation which satisfies the income or ownership requirement under this program is also eligible. For all partnerships and corporations, the maximum grant is the same as for an individual producer. A producer may claim the maximum grant as an individual or as a member of a partnership or a corporation, but not both.



Eligible improvements

The program covers the cost of both materials and labour; but does not include personal or family labour.

a) Fences (line and permanent divisional)

- installation of new wire fences;
- replacement of old fences;
- removal of old fencerows and replacement with new wire fences;
- divisional fences for rotational grazing of livestock.

b) Farm structures (outbuildings)

- painting exterior of farm structures;
- installation of new siding on existing structures;
- repairing/replacement of foundation;
- installation or repair of roofing on existing buildings.

c) Derelict buildings

- removal of all derelict buildings.

Eligibility criteria

- materials used in making improvements must be purchased during the term of the program;
- improvements will be completed on farms owned by the applicant;
- all fencing installed must be wire and must comply with local fencing bylaws;
- electric fencing is not eligible;
- in cases where labour is hired directly by the farmer, the employer must comply with the appropriate federal and provincial employment legislation.